Hammond versus *Heamans.*

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To an audacious Pamphlet,

published by an impudent and ridiculous Fellow, named

ROGER HEAMANS,

Calling himself Commander of the Ship *Golden Lion*, wherein he endeavours by lies and holy expressions, to colour over his murthers and treacheries committed in the Province of *Maryland*, to the utter ruine of that florishing Plantation;

Having for a great sum sold himself to proceed in those cruelties; it being altogether answered out of the abstract of credible Oaths taken here in *England.*

In which is published His Highnesses absolute (though neglected) Command to *Richard Bennet* Esq; late Governour of *Virginia*, and all others, not to disturbe the Lord *Baltamores* Plantation in *Maryland.*

By *John Hammond*, a Sufferer in these Calamities.

1 Sam. 20. v. 23. *As touching the thing which thou and I have spoken of, behold, the Lord be between thee and me.*
Job 22. v. 5. *Is not thy wickednesse great, and thine iniquities innumerable?*
Job 12. 7. *Te speak wickedly for Gods defence, and talk deceitfully for his cause.*

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Hammond verſus *Heamans.*

I Was very oppoſite to publiſh my ſelf to the world a fool in print, reſolving rather to wait the determination of the Supreme Authority of *England*, by whō (and not by railing invectives) we muſt be tryed, than to have expreſſed ſo much indifferency as to have carped unſeaſonably at the proceeding of theſe inhuman, ingratefull, and blood-ſucking Sectaries, which mention God in their lips, but their hearts are farre from him; but that I ſee daily a broaching of lyes, one confederating and in the neck of another, which begets belief amongſt many, and carries a vulgar applauſe along with their action, the only way theſe people ever pitched on to effect their deſigns, and the rather are they credited by our ſilence.

We deſire to ſatisfie every man, and eſpecially our worthy friends the noble *Virginians* in *England*, (for in *Virginia* they are ſufficiently informed) and that by their unbyaſt diſcourſes and relations they may undeceive ſuch as the hypocricies of theſe fellows hath deluded.

This, and the inward vexation which perplexeth me to read what they write, to hear what's reported, awakes me, as knowing more of their deceits and proceedings than any man living. I have at this preſent written, lying by me an Hiſtoricall relation of the tranſactions of *Virginia* and *Maryland*,

[illegible] the Government and Tyranny of *Richard Bennet* and [illegible] *Claiborn*, with many remarkable passages of such [illegible] policies as they and their creatures used; but will for a while forbeare to publish, as rather desiring this pen-jarring may cease; but if any of this rout shall any more disturbe the world (for as they cannot do) with their seeming-sanctified [illegible], I will then not spare to acquaint the world what they [illegible], and how they live, and give each of their Characters to [illegible] view, which now lyes masked under the hood of holi[illegible] and good disposition, in which I shall somewhat more [illegible] *Babylons fall*, the Book of *Vir*[illegible] and *Maryland*, and other objections and allegations of [illegible], being all full of impudence and ignorance.

But that *Heamans* should dare to write amazes me, know[illegible] his [illegible], his villany, and therefore I shall in my an[illegible] to him, briefly and in his own tone anatomize and lay [illegible] open to the world a fool, to the State a Knave, to God a [illegible] offender, whose unfeigned repentance I cordially wish, and that his future portion of Grace may over-ballance his former talents of wit and honesty, in the want of which the poor man hath been too too unhappy. But to the [illegible].

Roger Heamans gives a great account in his whole relation of his extraordinary vigilancy and diligence in mannaging of his charge, and the trust imposed on him by his owners, but omits to insert what a disordered Ship and company he had, how mutinous and quarrelsome they were amongst themselves, and how upon every drunken bout they had, what Swords were drawn, what challenges made between the Seamen and their great Commander, insomuch that the Inhabitants observing their carraiges, with derision and detestation reported of the fantasticknesse of *Heamans* and his rude ungoverned Ships Company.

The insolencie of these were such towards the Inhabitants, (observing the licentiousnesse of those parts) and taking occasion thereby, that they would sell commodities to whom they list, and lighting on greater prices, would of their own accords (after delivery made) repossesse themselves again,

scoffing

ſcoffing at any pretence of Law or Juſtice, ſaying, (as it after proved too true) that their Ship was of force enough to awe the whole Countrey, inflicting puniſhments on the Planters, and robbing houſes as they went, all which is ſufficiently proved by Depoſitions already taken.

He relates how civilly he entreated Captain *Stone*, formerly Governour *Stone*, who refuſed the title of Governour from him, informing him that one Captain *Fuller* was Governor of the Province, and intimates, that from that relation he bends to *Fuller*, as Governour ever after. How diſconſonant to reaſon this is, let any judge that know reaſon, that know the paſſages, that know Captain *Stones* temper.

At ſuch time as *Bennet* and *Claiborn* came into *Maryland*, and had compacted to take the Government out of the hands of Captain *Stone*, after he had notice of the power they had gathered, he likewiſe impowered himſelf for defence, and was in poſſibility to have cut *Bennet* and *Claiborn* and all off, but thoſe few Papiſts that were in *Maryland* (for indeed they are but few) importunatly perſwaded Governour *Stone* not to fight, leſt the cry againſt the Papiſts (if any hurt were done) would be ſo great, that many miſchiefs would enſue, wholly referring themſelves to the will of God, and the Lord Protectors determination; & although the Proteſtant party with indignation to be ſo fooled, ſubmitted to what their Governour was perſwaded to do, yet could not but complaine in that particular againſt the cowardize of the Papiſts.

After they had diſpoſſeſt Governour *Stone* of his Authority, and had by promiſes to diſ-bandon their party, perſwaded him to do the like, they preſented him with a draught for reſignation under his hand, which when he refuſed, their whole party upon notice given, on a ſudden returned, to the aſtoniſhment of himſelf, and affrightment of his wife and children, and required peremtorily to ſubſcribe to what they had written, which he did, ſaying, It matters not what it is, I will, being thus enforced, write what ye will have me, it cannot be binding nor valid; Lo here the obſervance of *Bennet* and *Claiborns* promiſes, and after this they would have im-

powered him as Governour from them, which with scorn he refused; nor did Governour *Stone* ever in his own esteem, nor in the eyes of those that had been faithfull to his Government, look on himself as lesse or otherwise than Governour, nor ever received other title, how be it he ceased to act untill he heard further from *England*; yet in *Heamans* his hearing, and aboard that Ship which he calls himself Commander of, Governour *Stone*, and Secretary *Hatton* both, had some words with Mr. *Preston* the new-made Commander, complaining of their injurious assuming of the Government, and taking away of the Records, threatning, that unlesse they would return them again, they would compell them away. How then did he dis-own his Government? and for him to point to *Fuller* as Governour, had not only been base, but ridiculous; for neither *Fuller* himself (untill after their murtherous assasinations) nor the Commission he had from *Bennet* and *Claiborn*, did own or make him so; for after Governour *Stone* refused to derive or meddle with power from *Bennet* and *Claiborn*, they erected no Governour at all, but gave Commission to ten men, *Fuller* being first in that Commission, to be conservators of the peace, untill further order; then how is *Heamans* relation true?

He next after some frivolous relations prosecutes his feigned narration of what his Governour *Fuller* (for untill *Heamans* made him one he was never any) had done in his absence, what Messages he had received fr̃ his Governor, how obedient he was to the supreme command of *Fuller*, how carefull to follow his Merchants businesses, and yet how charitable and relenting to those poor-distressed souls that begged his assistance. —— *Hear this O ye Heavens!*

At such time as Captain *Samuel Tilman*, (a man ever to be honoured) arrived into *Maryland*, he repaired to Governour *Stone*, acquainting him, that the Lord *Baltemore* had not lost his Country as was bruted abroad, and brought him some instructions and certainties of his Highnesses owning him the said *Stone* for Governour, and when he was reproved by one Captain *John Smith*, then High Sheriff, for giving Captaine *Stone* the frequent appellation of Governour, he replyed, I must

must and shall own him and no other for Governour of these parts, for seeing my Lord Protector so stiles him, and by his title writes to him, I neither can nor dare call him otherwise, and his example is my warrant.

Upon this the said *Smith* (as a man affrighted) hies him home, repaires to *Fuller* and the rest, they treat with *Heamans* to assist their opposition, compound with him for a great quantity of Tobacco, and so prepare to oppose all power that should controle theirs.

Governour *Stone* sent me, not knowing of the combine of *Heamans* and the rest, to *Patuxent* to fetch the Records; I went unarmed amongst these Sons of Thunder, only three or four to row me, and despite of all their braves of raising the Country, calling in his Servants to apprehend me, threatning me with the severity of their new-made Laws, my self at once seized and carried away the Records in defiance; at which time, what ever *Heamans* pretends of compact with Governour and Papists to destroy them, *Richard Preston* their great then quaking-Commander, shewed me a Letter from *Heamans*, wherein he promised the Ship, Ammunition and Men should be at their service if occasion were, and encouraged them not to think of yeelding to Governour *Stone*, nor any power from the Lord *Baltimore*, and this was the first discovery that ever was made by Governour *Stone*, and not a man in armes, nor intended to be at that time, and yet before this, meerly upon Captaine *Tilmans* words, and their own jealousies, had *Heamans* confederated with, and hired himself to them, and yet this fellow must not onely justifie his *Judas*-like dealings, but as it were, challenge applause and merit.

After this, my self again unarmed proclamed a Proclamation amongst them, put in a new Commander in the stead of the whole County met, who as people over-joyed to return to their former just Government, as in their voluntary and humble Petitions, they presenting acknowledged the Lord Protector as Supreme was prayed for, and Pardons were as freely consented to, as intreated for.

But those poor-oppressed souls of *Severn*, as *Heamans* stiles

[illegible] them, being of another temper and County, & more re-[illegible], having *Heamans* and his company their assured Janiza-[illegible], rather choosing to lose their lives than their Lordings; [illegible] peremtory Messengers to the Governour, (not such as *Heamans* relates & sets down,) which we all here know to be invented, and rather kept and contrived to be published in *England*, than intended for their Governour, who zealously affected peace, and twice before had suffered himself rather to be fooled out of his Government, than to hazard the shedding of blood.

But how comes it that their little Agent *Strong*, nor the Impudent Author of *Virginia* and *Maryland*, in either of their whisking Treatises mention these so specious propositions inserted in *Heamans* his works? *Heamans* you do it scurvily, and we shall yet further discover you. The joyning with Heathens, the plundering of houses, the intent to fire your Ship, the hyring of *Abraham Hely*, and the horrid treacheries you load us with, will more particularly be questioned and answered in another place than here; we have your Book for evidence of your charge, we only fear you will turn *Jack Lilborn*, and put us to prove it to be yours, which if you do, we have other reckonings to put on your score.

You can in nothing deal truly, the Letter you pretend you received, my self writ, I procured another, now happily arrived, to transcribe it, which the Governour signed, the contents whereof were, That he had been informed upon sight of a Letter pretended to come from you, that you intended some disturbance in the Province, and had promised Mr. *Preston* the assistance of your Ship, Ammunition and Men, he rather conceived it was a forgery, and you abused, than that any such things really were, and hoped you came for a peaceable Trade, and to follow your imployers businesse, and not to meddle with the differences of the Country, promising you all encouragement and justice that could possibly be expected, and earnestly intreating, that if you had any such resolution you would declare it, which had you done, and not treacherously coloured it over with promises to wait on the Governour, he had retired, no blood had been spilt.

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The Warrants you so croud in your Book, in the name of the Lord Protector, you imagine peradventure will bear you out, had you not been hired the jugling had been handsome, but now 'tis foolish, nor can any Rebellion ever bear bulk, unlesse it passe on in the name of Supreme Authority. For the Letter you pretend you writ, you confesse, you did it by advice of your *Severn* imployers; yet in that you affirm a monstrous untruth in saying the Government setled in Captain *Fuller* was since established by the Lord Protector, you shall by and by see how all such pretended powers are by His Highnesses absolute Commands null, but never be able nor no stickler of you all to prove any confirmation, had you had any such thing, although you talk much of it, you would have posted it and published it to the World in Capitall Letters.

You great Merchant *Richard Owen*, and his best penn'd-Letter, if it be his, that ever came from him, was not a matter materiall for the Presse, we knew him a year or two since a Planter of little credit, and now a very sorry Merchant, yet any stuff will serve such as yee are.

Concerning the firing of your Ship (I speak to the abused World, not to *Heamans*) he knows already what I writ is true, that at tryall of the Governour and Councell, one Captain *Findall* upon examination did acknowledge, that after *Heamans* Treachery to shoot at them having discovered himself an enemy, he undantedly told them that himself, could he have compassed it, would have fired his Ship.

But how prettily do they forge? *Fuller* he sayes informed him that Captain *Stone* intended to fire his Ship, and this dispute between the Hireling and the Master must be taken as a truth, and come likewise to the Presse, and yet *Heamans* and they bargained before: Here, if it had been truth, you again shew your self a fool, to ingage because *Fuller* affrighted you.

And why should Captain *Stone* think of firing your Ship, had you not been a declared enemy? or if he had such an intent, why did he by Letter addresse himself to you to stand Newter? before this addresse *Fuller* and yee fomented these

jealousies amongst the people, which by that after addresse, was clearly manifest it was never intended, therefore being in its own reason only a fiction, wherefore did you print it? The cause of your Seaman *Hallet* running away, I know not, but have been informed the Fellow was of an honest temper, and that your fantastick domineerings was the cause he rather chose to lose his Voyage, than longer to continue under you. In your whole relation of commands and arguments between you and your imployers, you so impudently juggle, that you raise both laughter and anger in me; I shall not swell this to descant on each frivolous passage.

The delivery of your Benefactors of *Ann Arundel* County, is indeed a deny-miracle as you deliver it, but let a true information be received, it will appear otherwise; first, to be treacherously dispersed and hurried a shore, as our men were by *Heamans* firing at them.

Next, to be pursued by an other Vessell, commanding at a distance, and so seizing on our Boats and Ammunition; what a great matter did ye? it is and hath been ordinary for a hundred men to surprize and take prisoners two hundred, but ye had more, ours not so many as I mention, and the difference was, ours came with a resolution rather to treat than fight, yours resolved to have the Government or nothing, and therefore would not suffer any Declaration to be published, but surprized the Messenger, and what was most monstrous, after free-quarter given, to adjudge, condemn, and execute, as ye did, your self *Heamans* sitting in consultation, and being of their Counsell of War, and most active to have all executed, none reprieved, no not the Governour himself; It was the first time that ever *Heamans* had power of condemnation, and therefore thought to grow glorious by his unsampled severity. Take a little view of these oaths, and then judge of this, and these fellowes.

Henry

HEnry Courtey, Nicholas Gerrard, and Richard Willan, of the Province of Maryland in America, Gent. maked oath, That in or about the latter end of May, in the year 1654. His Highness the Lord Protector of the Common-wealth of England, Scotland, and Ireland, and the Dominions thereunto belonging, was by Captain William Stone, the Lord Baltamores Governour of that Province, caused to be proclaimed in the head of the people there, they being then summoned in by Capt. Stone for that purpose; and the said Governour took order with Captain Tilman, and Mr. Bolworth, two Cōmanders of Ships, then trading in that Province, to shoot off severall peeces of Ordnance from their respective Ships, in honour of that Solemnity. And they further depose, that in the Month of July then next following, Mr. Richard Bennet (the then Governour of Virginia) and Colonel William Claiborn, the then Secretary thereof, came from Virginia to Patuxent River in the said Province of Maryland, and there entertained as Souldiers the Inhabitants of the said River, with those of Ann Arundell, otherwise by them called Providence, as also the Inhabitants of the Isle of Kent within the said Province, and so forced the said Captain Stone to resign his Government. And the said Deponent Henry Courtey further saith, that the said Bennet and Claiborn, afterwards forced the said Governour to set his hand to a Writing, the Contents whereof as this Deponent doth remember was, That he should not meddle with the resuming of the Government again in the Lord Baltamores behalf. And all the said Deponents further say, that the said Bennet & Claiborn then seized upon the records of the said Province, & put them into the possession of one Captain William Fuller, Mr. Richard Preston,

Hen. and William Durand; and the Deponent Hen. Courſey ſaith, That in March laſt, the ſaid Captain Stone ſent up to the ſaid Inhabitants of Ann Arundel, one Mr. Luke Barber, and the ſaid Deponent Henry Courſey, with a Proclamation to require the Inhabitants there to yeeld obedience to the Lord Baltamores Officers, under the Highneſſe the Lord Protector; and that when the ſaid Mr. Barber and this Deponent Henry Courſey came thither they found the people there all in arms, and the ſaid Fuller would not ſuffer this Deponent to read the ſaid Proclamation, and ſo refuſing to give any obedience thereunto, the ſaid Mr. Barber and this Deponent were diſmiſſed, but ſuddenly after (before conveniently they could get away) were taken priſoners by that party, whereby the ſaid Governour Captain Stone was prevented of any anſwer, whereupon he proceeded to come up with what force he had into the River, called by ſome Severn, where theſe people lived: And all theſe Deponents ſay, That when the ſaid Captain Stone came into the ſaid River, there was one Captain Roger Heamans, with a great Ship called the Golden Lion, whereof he was Commander, who preſently ſhot at Captain Stones Boats as they paſſed by him; And the ſaid Gnyther and Willan do further depoſe, That the ſaid Captain Stone (to avoid the ſaid ſhot) went into a Creek in the ſaid River, where one Mr. Cuts with another Ship (whereof he was Maſter, blocked up the mouth thereof, and upon any diſcovery forced there Ordnance at the ſaid Captain Stone and his party, untill ſuch time as the ſaid Inhabitants of Ann Arundel had tranſported themſelves over the River, unto the ſaid Captain Stone and his party, where after ſome diſpute, the Governour (finding himſelf over-powred) yeelded upon quarter, whereupon he

he and moſt of his party were tranſported over the River to a Fort at Ann Arundel, *where they were all kept priſoners, and about three dayes after, the ſaid Captain* Fuller, William Burgees, Richard Evans, Leo: Strong, William Durand, *the ſaid* Roger Heamans, Iohn Brown, Iohn Cuts, Richard Smith, *one* Thomas, *and one* Beſtone, Samſon Warren, Thomas Meares, *and one* Crouch, *ſat as in a Councel of War, and there condemned the ſaid Governour Captain* Stone, *Colonel* Iohn Price, *Mr.* Iob Chandler, *Mr.* William Eltonhead, *Mr.* Robert Clerk, *the ſaid Deponent* Nicholas Guyther, *Captain* William Evans, *Captain* William Lewis, *Mr.* Iohn Legat, *and* Iohn Pedro *to dye, whereof they executed Mr.* William Eltonhead, *Captain* William Lewis, *Mr.* Iohn Legat, *and* Iohn Pedro, *the reſt being preſerved at the requeſt of the Souldiers and Women belonging to the ſaid party at* Ann Arundel; *after which execution, the common Souldiers that did belong to the ſaid Captain* Stone, *were ſent away to their ſeverall homes, but the Officers and the ſaid Meſſengers were detained longer, and at the diſcharging of the ſaid Deponents* Henry Courſey *and* Nicholas Guyther, *the pretended Councel of War impoſed an Oath upon them, That they ſhould not write into* England *to give the Lord* Baltamore *any information of their proceedings; and not long after they ſequeſtred all the Eſtates of thoſe of the Lord* Baltamores *Councel and Officers there; And the ſaid* Henry Courſey *further depoſeth, That he was preſent when Mr.* William Eltonhead *deſired to be allowed an appeale to His Highneſſe the Lord Protector in* England, *but it was refuſed him by the ſaid pretended Councel of War at* Ann Arundel; *And the ſaid Deponents* Henry Courſey *and* Nicholas Guyther *do fur-*

ther depose, That a little before the ſending of the Proclamation before mentioned, to the people at Ann Arundel, *they heard the ſaid Captain* Stone *declare unto certain Meſſengers whom theſe people had ſent unto him, That if the ſaid people, who he underſtood were in arms, would repaire unto their ſeverall homes, and ſubmit themſelves unto the former eſtabliſhed Government under the Lord* Baltamore, *which did acknowledge His Highneſſe the Lord Protector as Soveraign Lord, he would not offer any violence to them, or do them any prejudice, either in their perſons or eſtates, or words to the very ſame effect; And the Deponent* Richard Willan *doth alſo further depoſe, That about the time when the ſaid* Luke Barber *and* Henry Courſey *went with the ſaid Proclamation above mentioned, he heard the ſaid Captain* Stone *command that none of his party ſhould rob or plunder any upon pain of death.*

Henry Courſey.
Nicholas Guyther.
Richard Willan.

Sworn all three the ſecond day of July 1655. *before me* Na. Hobart, *a Maſter of the* Chancery *in Ordinary.*

Now

Now may the Reader throughly understand their Religion, their humanity, their usage of His Highnesse name, and to what purpose, not to act further by it than shall conduce to their own ends; they will, they say, be subordinate to no power but to the Lord Protector, and yet deny appeales to His Highnesse, rejecting His Highnesses Commands, beyond out vants, that if His Highnesse will not own their actings, they will not take notice of what comes from him. They imprisoned, fined, and hardly forbore to have executed Doctor *Luke Barber*, notwithstanding he brought in a Letter from His Highnesse, directed to Captain *William Stone*, Governour for the Lord *Baltamore* of his Province of *Maryland*, intimating thus, *That the Bearer hereof* Luke Gardner, *having been one of his Domestick Servants, was intended to remove himself and family into* Maryland, *and therefore he intreated him to shew him for his sake, what lawfull favour and assistance he could*, signing it

Oliver P.

And under His Highnesses Signet.

This was pretended a forgery, and Mr. *Barber* put to prove it to be the Lord Protectors, but he must prove it in that place, no appeale could lie good, and the Gentleman as I have often heard him protest, was so over-awed, that at last he durst not affirmatively maintain it came from His Highnesse, but answered doubtfully and distractedly. A strange impudence when a Mandate so sacred as under His Highnesses Hand and Seal, must not only be disputed, but to require a further evidence then himself, witnessing what shall issue out from himself, this is the greatest spurning against, and overthrowing Authority, that ever was heard of or suffered.

His

His Highnesse having notice of the proceedings of *Bennet*, [illegible], and these people, notwithstanding the sweet Letter [illegible] to *Bennet*, requiring him to cherish peace in the Plantations; now further declares himself as followeth.

SIR,

Whereas the difference betwixt the Lord Baltamore *and the Inhabitants of* Virginia, *concerning the bounds by them respectively claimed, are depending before us and our Councel, and yet undetermined, and that as we are credibly informed, you have notwithstanding gone into his Plantation in* Maryland, *and countenanced some people there, in opposing the Lord* Baltamores Officers; *therefore for preventing of disturbances or tumults, we do will and require you, and all others deriving Authority from you, to forbear disturbing the Lord* Baltamore *or his Officers and people in* Maryland, *and to permit all things to remain as they were there, before any disturbance or alteration made by you or any other, upon pretence of authority from you, till the said difference above-mentioned be determined by us here, and that we give you further order therein: we rest,*

To *Richard Bennet* Esq; Governour of *Virginia*, These.

Your Loving Friend,

Signed *Oliver P.*

White-Hall, Jan. 22. 1654.

Copia vera Examinatur per Will. Malin.

By

By this is apparent how great care hath been by His Highneſſe uſed to prevent blood-ſhed, yet nothing will prevaile, and although by this in appeares that *Bennet*s pretended power ceaſed, and any derived from him, yet will not *Lee Strong*, the Munkie-Agent of Providence (as he calls himſelf) ceaſe to be an Agent, but will juſtle this high command and revocation; he peradventure at laſt will pretend his deafneſſe, that he never heard it, but cannot alleage blindneſſe, for he had and ſhall again ſee what it is.

Were not their actions very juſtifiable when they ſhold keep men in priſon untill they ſhould ſubmit to an Oath impoſed on them, never to write for *England*, or to the Lord *Baltemore*, what had been done? and ſuffer none to depart for *England* but what got away by ſtealth? my ſelf being proſcribed by Proclamation, and a great reward for him that ſhould bring in my head, yet was I never in armes, nor never was an Inſtigator againſt any of them in all theſe hurliburlies. We have many authentick teſtimonies diſcovering all their actions and proceedings, which are too voluminous to be inſerted into an Anſwer to ſuch an Ideot as the Commander of the *Golden Lion*; we hereby endeavour to give you onely a hint that *Heamans* hath abuſed the World with his Pamphlet, not a ſillable whereof is truth; how he hath deluded his owners with pretence of his care; how he hath ſpurned at and belied the Supreme Authority; how he hath intruded himſelf without any lawfull call, into the Seat of Juſtice, and there acted the part of a bloody and aggravating Murtherer, condemning Innocents and trampling on the ſouls of them he hath betrayed to death, for without his combination nothing of this had happened, and our ſelves had without rigor, without blood-ſhed, compelled Obedience to the Supreme Command of His Highneſſe under the Lord *Baltemore*, whom we with all ſolemnity proclamed, and under whoſe protection we re-

joyced, as our Soveraign Lord, iſſuing out generall Pardons in commemoration of that great and happy Solennity.

And therefore we do and ſhall juſtly charge this *Heamans* with all the blood ſpilt in our Province, as the immediate Author, with all the ruines, the baniſhments, the ſequeſtrations of Eſtates, and the heart-breaking griefs he hath yeelded our Wifes and Children, to whom if ever we return again, it is through many dangers and hazzards.

For the cry of *Hey for St. Maries, hey for two Wives*, if any rude Souldier in thoſe or any other termes were abuſive, it muſt not colour your matchination, it proceeded by no order of the Governours, nor from the mouthes of any of quality, themſelves were civill and atractive, nor was ever any party afoot without ſome abſurd expreſſion, or diſordered language; but theſe are weak flouriſhes, and will only bear you out in weak eſteemes.

Your obſervation of Captain *Stones* dejection, and his renunciation of the Lord *Baltamore*, the dead-heartedneſs of the Priſoners, being onely affirmed by your ſelf, is of as little credit as any thing elſe you have related; nor are you and your compacted theeviſh Ships company, to be evidences one for another, and no better than Theeves and Murtherers, to juſtifie you you have none; the religious rejoycing you mention, is no otherwiſe than ſuch prayers and rejoycings as Theeves and Gamſters at or after their enterpriſes uſe, and as acceptable to God; but ſeeing *Heamans* was a Judge to condemn, and now is become a Writer, I ſhall no longer dwell on *Heamans* papers, I ſhall conclude with that fearful wo denounced by the Prophet *Iſaiah*, againſt ſuch as you are,

Iſa. 10. v. 1. *Wo unto them that decree wicked decrees, and write grievous things*,

Verſe

Verse 2. *To keep back the poor from judgement, and to take away the judgment of the poor of my people, that widows may be their prey, and that they may spoil the fatherless.*

FINIS.]